

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 15-21, and 30-31 are pending.

Claim 6 has been amended.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Claims 1-5, 8-11, 15-21, and 30 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that Claims 1-5, 8-11, 15-21, and 30 are allowed.

Amendments to the Claims:

Applicants have amended Claim 6 to include only the allowed subject matter of independent Claim 1, and have canceled Claim 7. No new matter is added by the way of these amendments. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6-7 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. By the present amendments, Applicants believe the rejection has been overcome, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants believe all claims are now in condition for allowance. Should there be any issues that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in connection with this response. If any fees are due in connection with this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 500329.

Respectfully submitted,

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